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Chum Lines

DOUBLE STANDARD?

The logic used by George Loizides in Chum Lines (Vol. 8 No. 36 — 9/20/73) is confusing. He says "no wasted fish," with which I agree one hundred percent.

But what's the difference between taking a fish to a taxidermist or using it for fertilizer? Using it for fertilizer is the same as burying your catch, because you don't know what to do with your fish which, in that case, you should have released. I think Mr. Loizides has a double standard.

John Kudrick,
Amityville, N.Y.

There are an infinite number of degrees of value of wildlife, depending upon your point of view: Mr. Frederiksen believes it is all right to mount a few fish; Mr. Loizides feels that mounting is bad, but burying is good; Mr. Kudrick thinks they're both wrong, and that the fish should have been released. I might as well enter my two coppers' worth: I can anticipate Mother Nature's groan of relief when Homo sapiens *evolves to some higher form of* genus Homo*: one, perhaps, that will not severely meddle, with its subsequent disatrous relults, with the rest of the natural world, and will find joy and beauty in things existing just as they are, without being hung on a wall, caged in a zoo, or buried in the ground.*

UNKNOWN FROM THE DEPTHS

Let me say that I'm a regular reader, and I recognize your staff as an authority on Long Island fishing.

I would like you to tell me, if you can, what type of fish this is. (Illustration enclosed).

I was casting plugs for bass out at Cedar Beach Overlook on the night of September 13, 1973, and I snagged this little thing on a treble hook. I think it's a swordfish, but I've never seen one before.

I tossed him back in, hoping I'd see him in about 40 pounds from now.

Cedar Beach is one of my favorite spots. I've gotten flounders, blues, bass, fluke, and even a four inch sea horse.

I hope you can give me an answer; it's been bugging me all day.

Bob McMenemy,
Holbrook, N.Y.

Thanks for your vote of confidence in our staff. Unfortunately, the problem with which we have been presented is, not easily resolved, if your diagram is accurate. The colors of this fish, the position and shape of the fins (especially the caudal fin), and the body proportions would have helped.

We will make an educated guess based upon what we do know and say that your specimen appears to be a salt water gar (Tylosurus acus)*, which is not uncommon in this area. However, it could also be a silver gar* (Tylosurus marinus) *or the relatively common garfish* (Ablennes bians)*. These three fit generally the description given in your diagram, and it is impossible to identify the specific one you caught. Anyhow, it wasn't a swordfish.*

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October 1 and October 6, has been proclaimed OYSTER WEEK by Officials of the Village of Greenport and Town of Southold. Unique plans have been prepared for the Annual Oyster Festival and Craft Show, Saturday, October 6, 1973, Rain or Shine, 10 AM to 5 PM at the American Legion Hall, Greenport, N.Y. sponsored by the Greenport Southold Chamber of Commerce.

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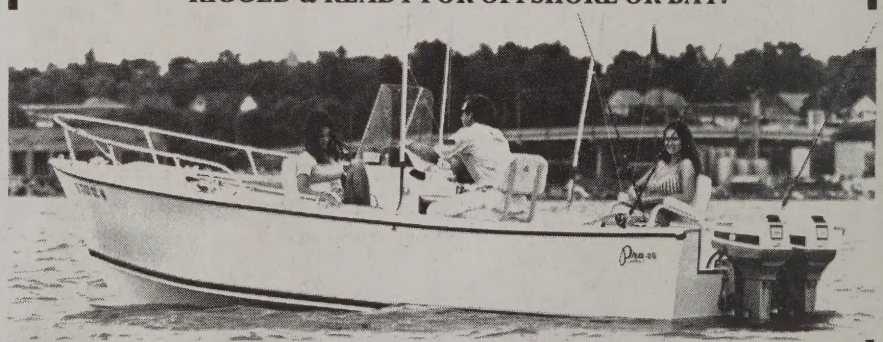

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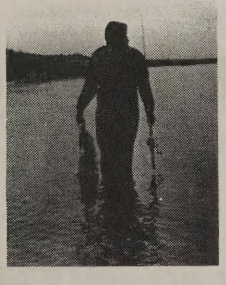

ABOUT THE COVER: A surf fisherman strolls along the beaches with a nice string of bass. Now that the fall striper run is beginning, men of the surf will find Vlad Evanoff's article "Fish the White Water" timely. See page 8.

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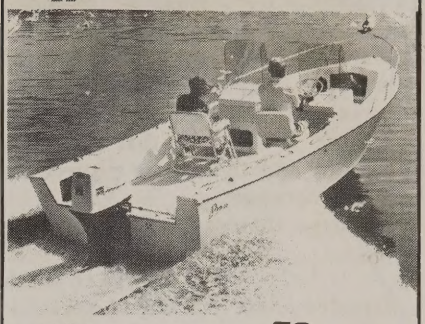

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THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!

The enclosed copy of a letter to Rogers C. B. Morton has also been sent to the President, Mr. Nixon, and to Mr. David Wallace, Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

We plan to bring this matter concerning the marine environment of our island to all those that should be concerned and fighting to protect our priceless heritage.

We hope that you will join in this fight.

George H. Wilde
President, Save Our Bays Association
Seaford, N.Y.

"U.S. Interior Secretary
Rogers C. B. Morton
Dear Sir.

A United States governmental agency, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, has been delegated to make a five year study of the 15,000 square mile area known as the New York Bight to be followed by studies in other Atlantic Coastal areas. It is to be a comprehensive study of the ecological environment that exists there and they will study the natural conditions that prevail and what effects continued ocean dumping of harmful materials will have.

It is ironic that your department of our government, The Department of Interior, is now seeking to lease off-shore land on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) in this general area for oil exploration, which presently involves a pollution factor of high importance.

We, of the Save Our Bays Association of Long Island, request that no sale of leases be held or considered until the study involving the marine ecology of the New York Bight is completed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

It is our belief that without understanding the natural changes that take place it will be impossible to delineate the effects of the unnatural changes, such as large oil spills. The ecological system that is part of the life cycle of the marine life in the New York Bight must be protected, and to add polluting oil rigs to this fragile marine environment before it is determined what harmful conditions now exist there is wrong.
Sincerely,
George H. Wilde
President,
Save Our Bays Assoc.
of Long Island"

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

SHEEPSHEAD BAY TUNA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Annual Sheepshead Bay Tuna Tournament, held on September 22nd and 23rd, was won by Bob Schafenberg of Pagoda, N.J., fishing on Bob Mizrahi's "Old Timer" out of Merrick. Bob boated a 56-lb. tuna after a 20 minute battle. When the contest deadline came, contest director Sid Karlin declared the fish a winner.

Bob's fish, however, was not the largest tuna taken during the contest. Al Figliolia of Brooklyn, weighed in an 80½ pound fish at Stella Maris Marina in Sheepshead Bay at 7:30 PM Sunday. The fish had been hooked before the 3 PM deadline, but was not reported to the committee boat. Unfortunately, Al had a VHF radio and was unable to contact anyone who would report his hook-up. The possible controversy was quickly solved, however, when Sid Karlin disqualified the catch under the mutilated fish rule. The tuna had a raw spot on his side and an injury near the tail.

EAST BAY ANGLERS CODFISH CHILLER TOURNAMENT

The East Bay Anglers of Merrick announced that their seventh annual Codfish Chiller Tournament will be held this year on Saturday, November 17th. A drawing for a trip to Las Vegas for two will be made for those clubs who enter before October 1st. For further information and entry forms write to East Bay Anglers, P.O. Box 322, Dept. LIF, Merrick, N.Y. 11566.

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News Releases

TWO SAFE BOATING COURSES

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-2 is offering the 12 lesson course entitled BOATING SAFETY & SEAMANSHIP to be given at the Great Neck North Junior High School, Great Neck, N.Y. The course will be given on Wednesday evenings starting October 10, 1973, at 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-1 of Patchogue is presenting an eight lesson Safe Boating Course commencing Monday, October 8, 1973, at the Suffolk Boat Club, End of River Avenue, Patchogue, New York, beginning at 8:00 and on each Monday thereafter until the course is completed.

Persons who are not able to attend the first meeting should call Commander Halsted at AT-6-0968 for additional information.

SEARS OFFERS TWO HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Sears, Roebuck & Co., 195 North Broadway, Hicksville, N.Y., will conduct the required three hour N.Y.S. Hunter Safety Course on the following dates: October 4, 11 & 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

For further information and registtration, call: (516) 433-0300 extension 206.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., at the Smithven Mall, Lake Grove, N.Y., will hold a Hunter Safety Course on consecutive nights as follows: October 8-9 and October 30-31, between 7 and 9 PM. Call for registration: (516) 724-6100. Ask for the "Sporting Goods" Department.

HUDSON RIVERKEEPER ASKS CITIZEN SUPPORT
First Target is Yonkers

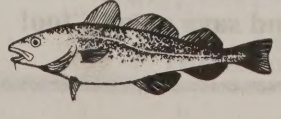
"We can't wait for government agencies to clean up the Hudson. They do not have the interest, the manpower or the ability," Riverkeeper Thomas Whyatt said recently in announcing the start of a citizen campaign to save the Hudson. "The important work is being done today by dedicated private citizens acting to protect their own stretches of the river," Whyatt asserted.

Speaking at a monthly Hudson River Fishermen's Association Directors Meeting in Ossining, Whyatt cited the Yonkers waterfront as a case in point. He mentioned as typical problems the Yonkers Contracting Corp.'s illegal landfill, CPC International's "permit to pollute" obtained from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, and a maze of unmonitored industrial waste pipes dumping into the Saw Mill River tributary to the Hudson. "This is how government protects our river - - by ignoring some threats and permitting others," said Whyatt. Because of the government's poor showing, Whyatt claimed "the clean-up job is left to private citizens. If we don't do it, it won't get done."

Whyatt's answer is to undertake a series of citizens' campaigns in each community on the Hudson. Yonkers is his first target, the Riverkeeper explained, because its problems are typical of those found all along the river, and because there is already an active core of local residents carrying on the fight.

"I hope that in Yonkers, and in communities up and down the Hudson, people will step foreward to help their fellow citizens get the river cleaned up," Whyatt stated. He acknowledged that the job is too big for just a handful of people to do, and called for help from everyone. Said Whyatt, "I already have a colleague - - David J. Thompson, who has been appointed the Spuyten Duyvil Riverkeeper. I look foreward to working with Mr. Thompson and hundreds or thousands of other concerned men and women. We cannot rely on the government to protect the Hudson. If we want our children to swim or fish or boat on the Hudson, or even live near the river on a hot summer afternoon, then we must all take the responsibility as private citizens to clean up the Hudson. We are all our river's keepers. It's time we did the job right."

For further information, please phone Thomas Whyatt, (914) 2659678, or Fred Danback, (914) YO 3-5408.



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The Other Side

by Trudie Sciacca

FISH SOUP: A Family Favorite

This soup can be made from a variety of bland fish— whatever you may have at the time. If the captain or one of his crew happens to catch a nice cod, striped bass or a few ling or whiting, or if you are the recipient of fish, this recipe is excellent.

After the fish is scaled and gutted DO NOT THROW AWAY THE HEAD, especially of a large bass or cod. Rinse the head under cold water, then place it in a saucepan large enough and with sufficient water to cover head. Place on the stove to boil and add salt to taste.

When the water boils, lower the heat and let simmer for ten minutes. Remove the head and leave it to cool. When sufficiently cool, flake off all the chunks of meat with a fork; the meat is located at the back of the head and around the neck collar. Discard remains of fish head and keep stock.

1. In large saucepan, brown one clove of garlic which has been finely chopped. Vegetable oil can be used.
2. Add one four ounce can of tomato sauce and let it simmer with the garlic for ten minutes.
3. Add water from the fish stock, plus the flaked fish to the saucepan.
4. Add one or two cans of carrots which have been pureed in a blender.
5. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add salt, pepper and grated cheese to taste, and/or chopped chives or chopped, fresh parsley.
6. Minute rice, pastina, or vermicelli can be cooked separately and added just before soup is to be served. Use two or three ounces of rice or noodles per person.

Flaked cold codfish or striped bass can be mixed with finely chopped onions, salt and pepper and mayonnaise. It can also be mixed with lemon and a little oil and served up like crab meat cocktail with hot sauce. With a little imagination one can decorate and garnish cold fish and still have a delectable gourmet's delight each time.

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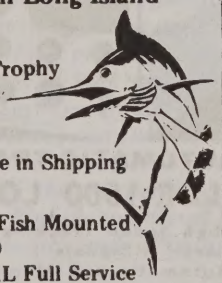

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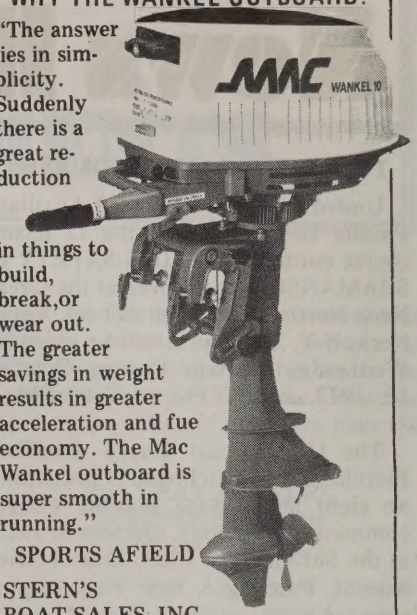

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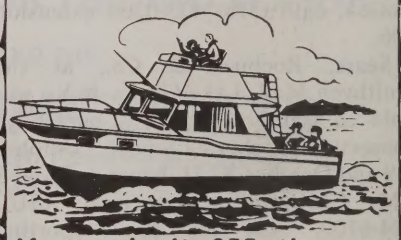

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These seminars are conducted on an informal basis with ample time provided for answering questions.

CLUB NEWS

ATLANTIC ANGLERS OF MASSAPEQUA SEEK MEMBERS

The Atlantic Anglers of Massapequa is again seeking new members for the fall tournament season. Upcoming events include the East Bay Anglers Codfish Chiller Tourney and weekend intra-club tournaments for cod and striped bass. For further information contact: Jim Walters, 458 Broadway, Bethpage, N.Y. 11714.

HANGMAN'S ANGLERS SUMMER FISHING CONTEST

The Winners of the Hangman's Anglers of Merrick's summer fishing contest were: Dennis Newman, 6 lb. 1 oz. weakfish; Charles Erdman, 6 lb. 8 oz. fluke; John Connell, 9 lb. 8 oz. bluefish, and Ron Vomnacka, 2 lb. flounder. Trophies were awarded to all at their September meeting.

ATTENTION: ROD & GUN CLUBS

The Long Island Fisherman will publish items relating to club news as they become available. Our only limitation is sufficient space, so news will be published on a "first-come, first served" basis.

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A FIRST FOR AMBERJACK IV

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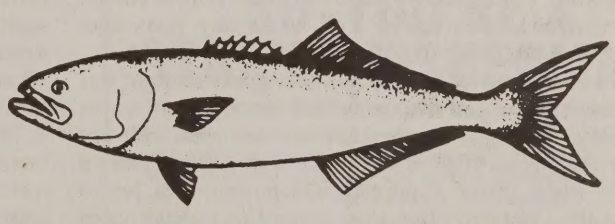

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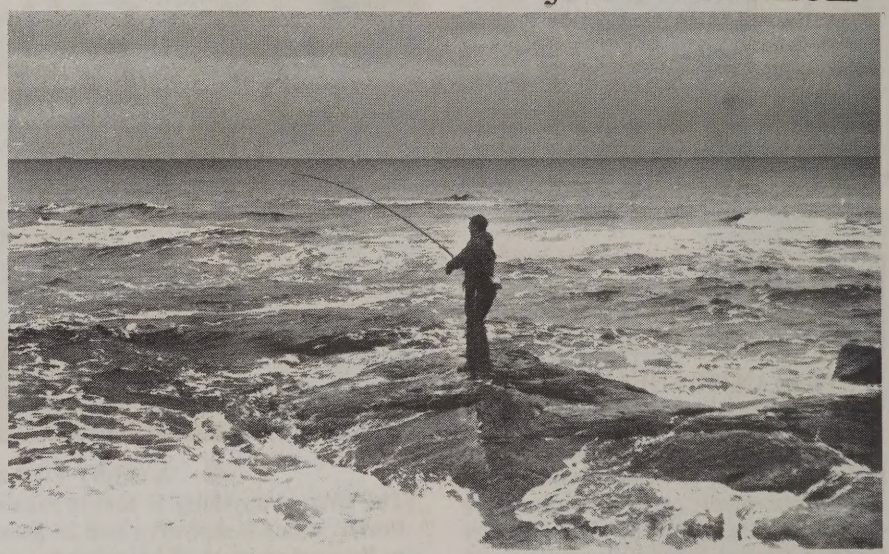
Fish the White Water!

by Vlad Evanoff

Surf fish can be easy to locate on the days when you see fish breaking or birds working, or when other anglers are hauling them into the beach. But on the days when there isn't a sign of a fish it can be really tough to pick the spots where stripers, blues, weakfish or other surf fish may be lurking.

Of course, most veteran anglers and the "regulars" who fish a certain area for a long time, soon learn where stripers lie or prowl, and they cast their lures or baits into such spots. But the beginner, or the surf angler who fishes a strange spot for the first time, lacks this knowledge and has to locate the fish the hard way.

But there is an easy way to locate fish in the surf, especially stripers, and it was pointed out to me by the late Jerry Sylvester of Narragansett, Rhode Island when I made my first trip to that striper paradise. When I walked into his tackle shop and asked where would be a good place to try for stripers, he said, "Cast anywhere you see some white water along the rocks." I did exactly that on my first trip to Rhode Island and caught some stripers. This was many years ago, but his advice is as good today as when I first heard it.



This angler has hooked a striper in a white water patch along the rocky shores of Rhode Island. Stripers, blues and other fish work in close at this time of year to get at the mullet and other baitfish.

Since then I have wasted little time casting into calm or flat water or dark blue or green water where there are no waves breaking. Of course there are exceptions, as when fish are breaking or chasing baitfish in calm, flat water, when fishing at night, or when using a popper which makes a lot of commotion; then you can often raise some fish in such calm water.

But most of the time I find it easier to fool fish when the water is white. Even in spots where waves do break, I usually wait until two or three big ones come along before I cast there; I've found that even if the fish are present they don't hit too well when the water flattens or calms down. But as soon as a wave breaks and turns the water white the fish usually hit your lure.

I remember when the importance of white water was brought out to me while fishing along Rhode Island's Newton Avenue, where there is a rocky ledge with the water dropping-off suddenly. On this particular day there were schools of stripers cruising up and down the rocks— we could clearly see the individual fish. I would cast out an underwater plug or metal squid into the clear, deep water and several stripers would follow the lure. Then, just as the lure would start to disappear in the white water close to shore, one of the fish would often grab it.

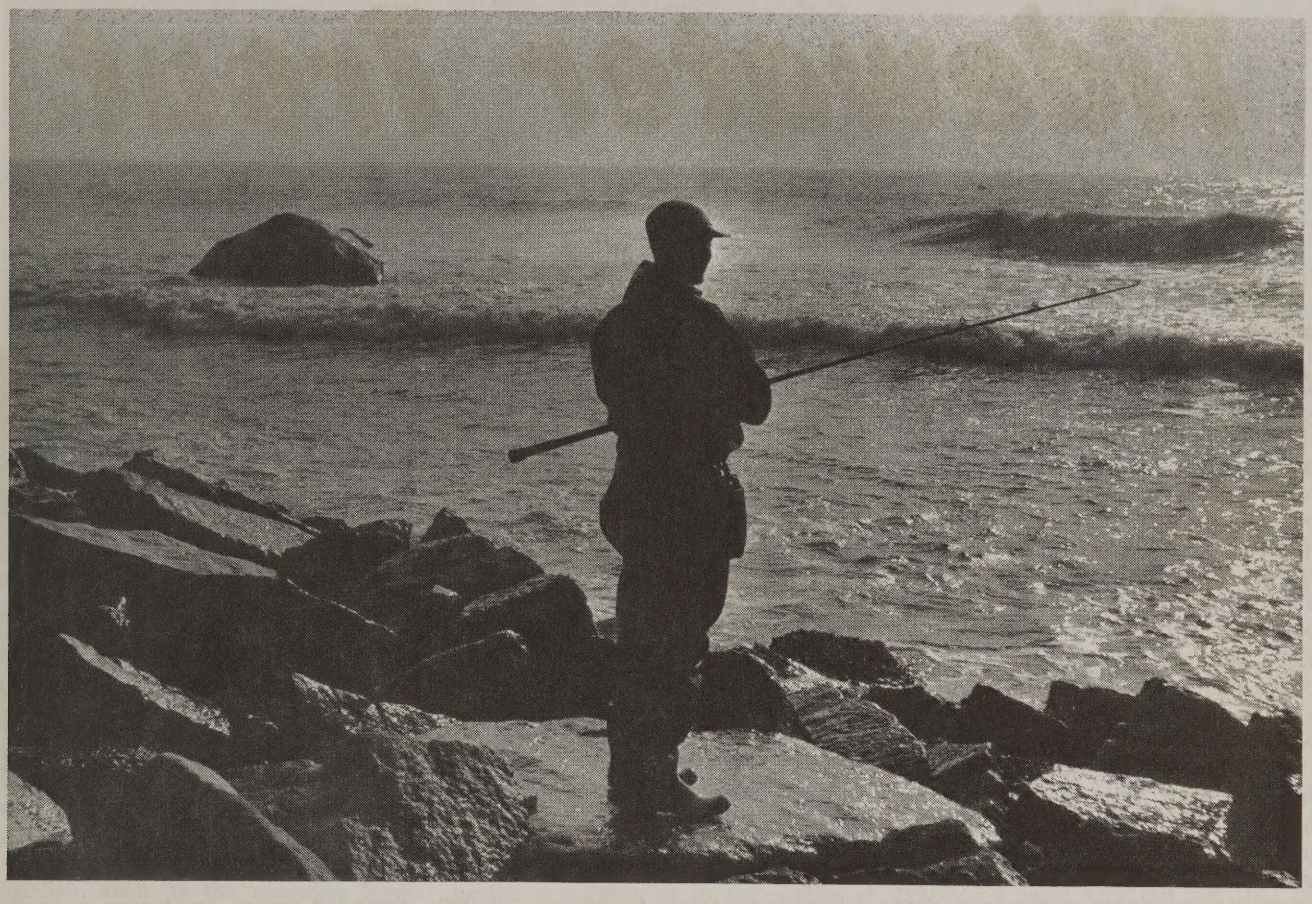
During the fall of the year, when you get a lot of west and northwestern and north winds, which tend to flatten the water and kill the waves, you'll often get periods of poor surf fishing. The same thing happens during the Indian Summer days when there is little of no wind and the water gets calm, and at such times surf fishing may be poor for days on end. But the smart surf anglers keep their eyes on the weather and wind, and if it picks up or shifts and creates some surf and white water they head for the beach, because stripers will often start feeding and hit lures hard after a long spell of poor feeding conditions.

The same thing often happens when a northeast storm or a hurricane comes after a stretch of nice weather and calm water. Here again stripers start feeding before, during and after such blows and you can have fast and furious fishing. I know that I wait for such storms to fish in front of the lighthouse at Pt. Judith, Rhode Island and Montauk Point on Long Island. Rock and mussel bars, such as the one at the North Bar at Montauk, are also good during such storms.

It is surprising how little white water will attract stripers on days when the surf isn't too rough. If you see a small patch of white water alongside a rock, drop your lure into or beyond it and reel through the suds. I've often taken two or three stripers out of such small patches no wider than eight to ten feet.

Also along a rocky shore you'll often find tiny coves, crevices and gullies where waves wash in and create a backwash which turns the water white or roily; these are also spots where stripers like to lie and feed, and a lure reeled through the white water in such places will usually draw a strike.

I've also had my best fishing from the jetties and breakwaters when there were waves breaking alongside the rocks, or out in front or over nearby sand bars. Here you'll usually find the best fishing close to the beach where the jetty or breakwater begins when the tide is up or near high. That is



where the waves usually break at this time, but as the tide drops you can work your way out on the jetty, since the waves then break farther out. Toward low water you can fish the end of the jetty where the waves will often break against the rocks or in shallow spots within casting distance. Here, too, it pays to work your lure right up to the rocks, since stripers will often follow it in or be lying alongside the jetty and make a pass at the lure when a wave breaks and turns the water white.

Some of the best fishing at the mouths of rivers and inlets also takes place when waves crash against the outgoing tide and create a turbulent surf. Here baitfish often get trapped by the strong currents and breaking waves, and stripers and blues find it easier to catch the small fish.

Along sandy beaches it pays to pass up the flat, calm stretches and instead cast your lure into spots where there are sand bars either extending from shore or running parallel to the beach and which can be reached by a cast. Such bars often have deep water over them at high tide and are not too good then; when the tide drops enough to create white water on them the fish are apt to move in and start feeding.

Most lures used by surf anglers will work in white water, with the metal squid, Kastmaster and Hopkins lures expecially good for the smaller school stripers and bluefish. Poppers or swimmers will also take fish in the wash, as will underwater plugs. At night, rigged eels and plastic eels will work, but reel them slowly for best results.

So fish the white water this fall and you'll not only locate more fish but you'll find it easier to fool them with your lures. The same lure cast into calm, clear water may be ignored, but work it through the suds and your chances of a strike are increased.

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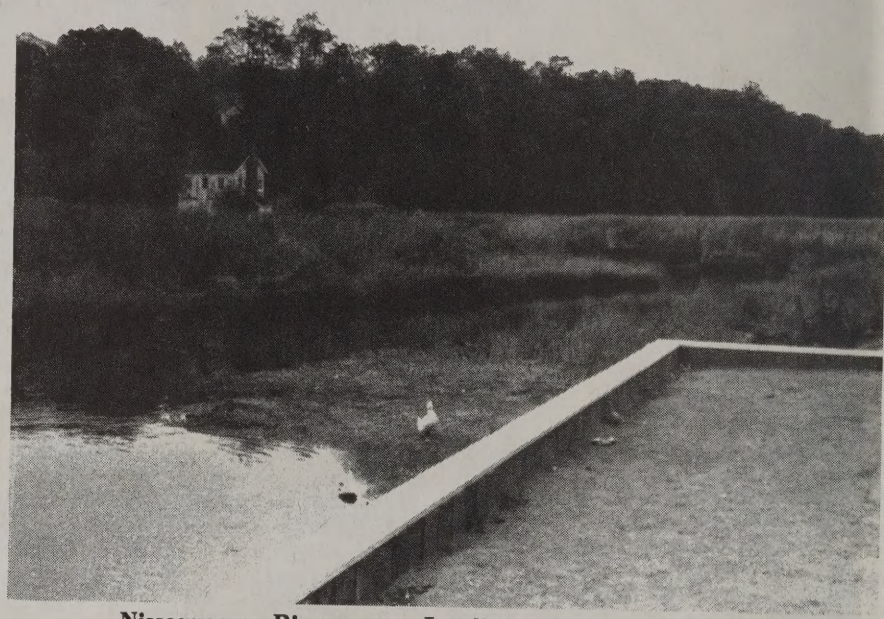
Tidewater Trout

by Don Vetter

It is no secret that the largest trout taken on Long Island are usually caught in our tidal streams, nor that the majority of these fish are brown trout. The "second season" (September 30 to October 31) is pretty much common knowledge by now, as is the fact that the best action in the tidewater streams occurs during this period. Regular readers of this column are aware of my personal pursuit of a sea run trout in the ten pound class, though the best I could manage last year was a 21 inch brownie. The fact that I took this particular fish on a #6 Black Nosed Dace streamer fly, rather than bait, offers some consolation. Phil Uruburu kept me informed of his activities on the Nissequogue last fall, which included the capture of some nice browns and a rainbow trout with Mepps spinners; how that rainbow trout found his way into the river is still cause for head scratching to me, as to the best of my knowledge none have ever been stocked there.



Nissequogue River, near Landing Avenue, at low tide.

What many sweetwater anglers are unaware of are the activities of The Conservation Department in their efforts to foster and maintain this sea-run trout fishery. A release from The Department of Environmental Conservation, issued in March of this year, crossed my desk last spring, and I shall now quote those portions of that report which are germane to the fisherman:

"The following tidal streams have been stocked with brown trout. The trout are stocked in November, and average between 4 to 6 inches at which time they are ten months old. The purpose of the stocking is not to provide trout fishing the following April 1 when the season opens, but to establish fall fishing for sea-run brown trout during the extended season which runs through October 31 in all the streams listed below except Crab Meadow Creek."

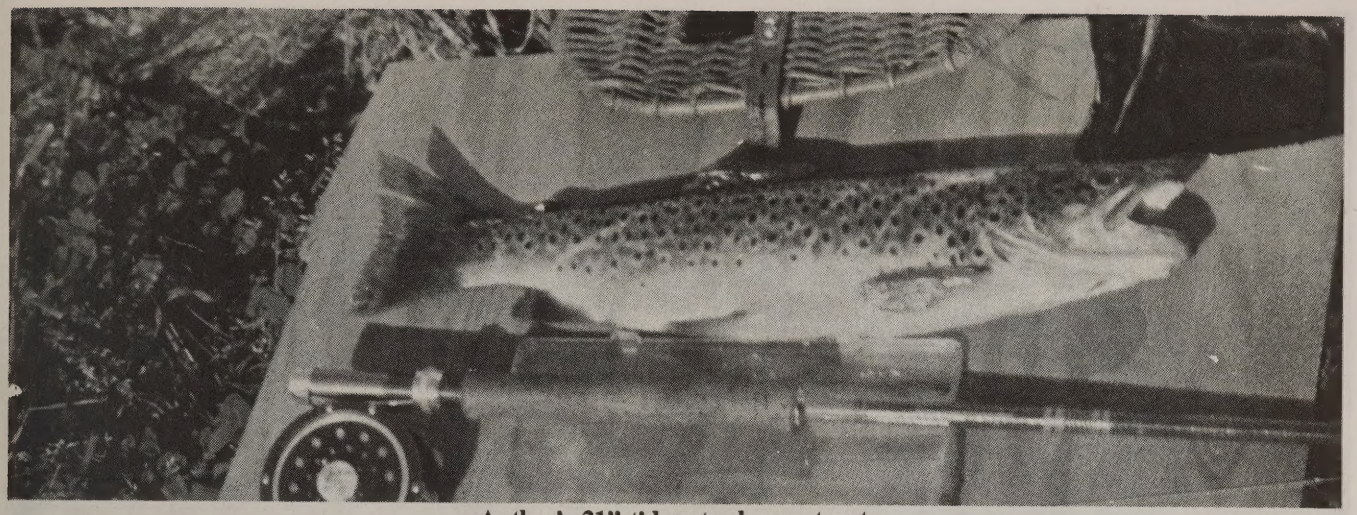
"Beaverdam Creek in Brookhaven— 3,000 trout in 1969, 4,250 in 1970, 16,650 in 1971, and none in 1972. Connetquot River, Oakdale— 12,000 in 1969, 8,840 in 1970, 24,000 in 1971, and 8,500 in 1972. Crab Meadow Creek, Northport— 3,000 in 1969, 4,250 in 1970, 10,400 in 1971, and none in 1972. Nissequogue River, Smithtown— 5,000 in 1969, 8,500 in 1970, 18,500 in 1971, and none in 1972. Tuthill Swan River, Patchogue— 4,250 in 1970, 9,300 in 1971, and none in 1972. Wading River— 7,140 in 1970, 15,850 in 1971, and none in 1972. West Meadow Creek, Stony Brook— 6,800 in 1970, 13,000 in 1971, and none in 1972."

"With the exception of Connetquot River, all brown trout stocked are considered 'surplus trout.' Each fall an inventory is made of all state hatcheries. In some years there are more trout on hand than are needed to meet the following spring stocking demands. The majority of these surplus trout are stocked on Long Island. In 1972 there were no surplus trout available. Thus, the only stream stocked in the fall of '72 was the Connetquot River, which is not dependent on the availability of surplus fish."

"Although brown trout are caught in tidal streams during the spring and summer, the fishing is very slow compared to October. As an example, data collected by the Division of Fish and Wildlife over the last four years, for the Connetquot River, show that it takes eight times longer per unit of effort to catch a brown trout during the regular season than in the extended season. Also, the trout caught in the extended season are larger, averaging one pound, 15 ounces, compared to 14 ounces during the regular season."

"Most of the trout caught in October are taken on worms and killies. Very few are caught on artificial lures or flies. Also, the brackish portions of the streams do not produce as well as the fresher portions. If the stream has a waterfall separating the fresh water from the brackish water, fish directly in the waterfall."

The foregoing report contains some good advice, based on painstakingly gathered data, and the wise fisherman will heed it if he wishes to score well with "second season" tidal trout. The success ratio of bait over lures and flies is a statistically proven fact which I cannot refute, but I can't help but wonder if this is not the case (at least in part) because so many more fishermen elect to dunk a worm than cast a fly or lure. It is rather widely known that the larger a trout becomes, the less insect feeding he does, forage fish making up a larger proportion of his diet with each passing year. For this reason, plus the fact that there is little or no insect activity in the fall anyhow, with the exception of terrestrials falling into the water, the fly rod man would do well to rely on streamers and bucktails (which imitate baitfish), rather than



Author's 21" tidewater brown trout.

drys, wets or nymphs. The revolving bladed spinner or wobbling spoon would also come under the heading of minnow imitaions, thereby accounting for their effectiveness or larger trout. This fall will find me dunking bait with the best of them.

In the choice of baits for fall tidal trout, my inclination would be for the killie over the nightcrawler, particularly when large trout are the object in mind. A big killie, of the size employed in fluke fishing, or perhaps an even larger baitfish, such as the common freshwater shiner (roach), hooked through both lips with a 1/0 Eagle Claw or any beak type hook, should serve admirably. The bait would be fished unweighted, and cast upstream where possible, to assure a natural presentation. This is not to say that a gob of nightwalkers, anchored to the bottom by a heavy split shot or two, will not produce; in point of fact, many a big trout has taken a bait fished in this manner. All I'm trying to say is that a free swimming or drifting bait is more likely to prove attractive, and will also allow you to cover more water.

The report's tip about fishing directly in the waterfalls is a good one, as trout on their fall spawning runs ascend as far upstream as possible, besides which fact the added oxygenation of the water a falls provides is another attraction. Big browns are also likely to be found lying in the shade beneath the span of a bridge or culvert, or in the shelter of some snag ro obstruction, rather than swimming in the midstream current in the manner of their smaller and less wary brethren.

Taking into account the larger average size attained by these fall sea-run trout, heavier tackle than that employed in the spring is called for. A medium action spinning outfit, spooling 6, 8 or even heavier test mono, will serve you well if you are fortunate enough to tie into a biggie. Hook size will depend to a large extent on the size of the bait used, as a small killie or earthworm on a heavy wire 1/0 hook would certainly not make for a very natural presentation. A #4 hook of the same beak type would serve better with these smaller baits.

Heading for a few of those tidal streams, armed with spin stick and live killies (in deference to the actuarial data of the Conservation Department's survey), I can't help but feel that this may be the year I hang that ten pounder of lore. If not, there is always next season, and that silvery bodied, hook jawed sea-run brown, with spots as big as dimes on his sides, is out there somewhere, poised on his fins, waiting for just the right bait to be drifted past his nose.

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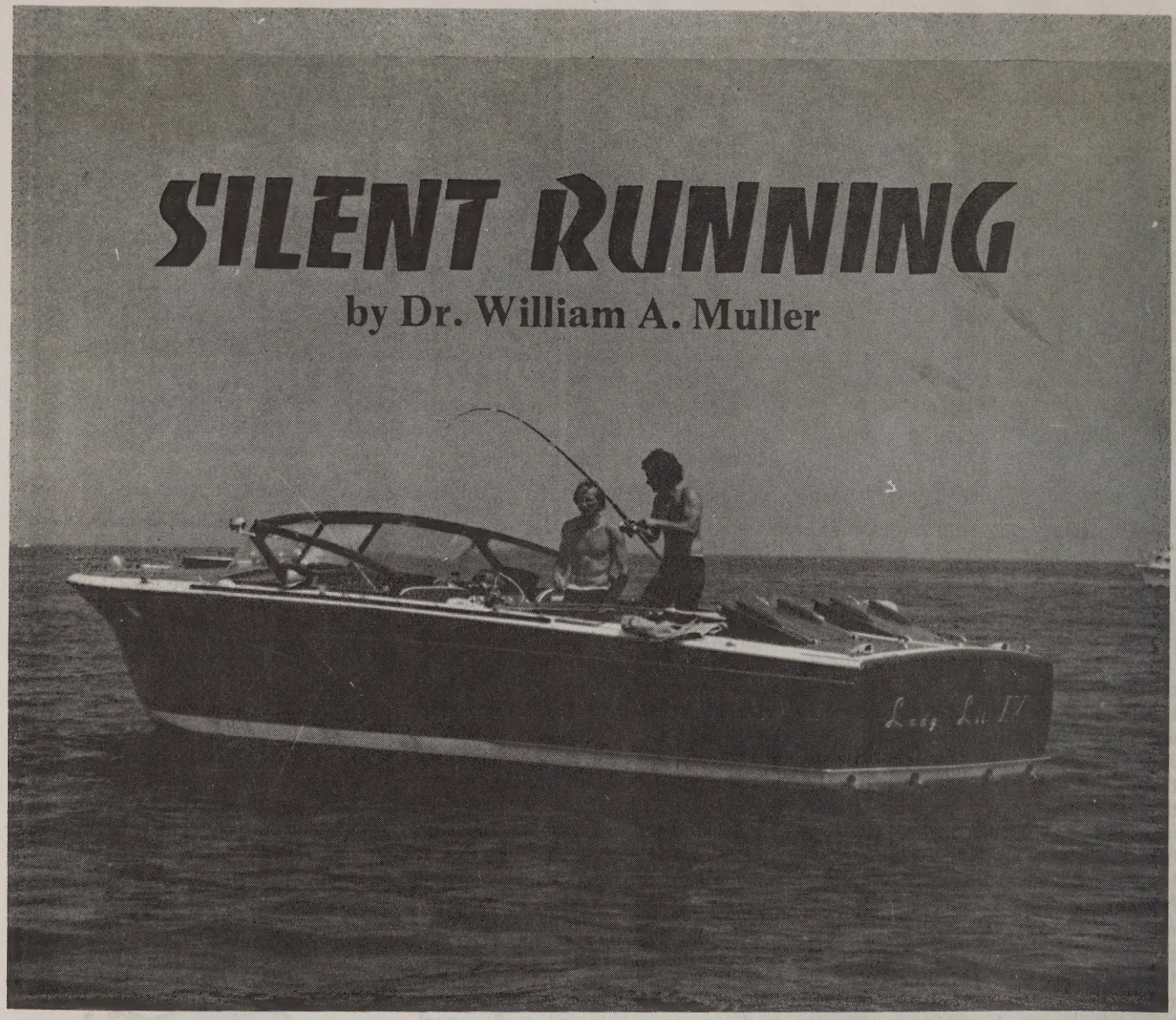
SILENT RUNNING

by Dr. William A. Muller



Fall is the time of the year when Long Island anglers anticipate the prospects of chasing surface feeding bluefish.

It's a frantic, fantastic, often frustrating sport, with dozens of boats converging on thousands of frenzied, wildly chopping blues with the usual complement of birds attending overhead. As any experienced angler knows the blues, at these times, are either unwilling to take baits or quickly move on to different locations when overtaken by hordes of boats.

I love the exhilaration of the pursuit — what fisherman doesn't! But there are too many misdirected casts, fouled lines, and wild-eyed skippers charging through surface feeding fish to suit me. Careless fishing strategy and lack of consideration for fellow anglers by a few of our tribe take enough of the joy out of this kind of fishing, and so I've begun to look elsewhere for my action.

For one thing, if you can resist the massive commotion at the center of attention, look around! Frequently you'll see small pods of larger blues tearing through schools of mossbunker nearby. These small pods are invariably larger fish than those in the big school and they rarely raise enough of a fuss to draw a second look from most fishermen. If you can resist the turmoil of large schools you can usually have these pods of fish to yourself. Approach them cautiously and cast larger plugs from a greater distance. You'll catch fewer fish, but the ones you do hook onto will be slammers.

A second choice involves remaining behind after a large school has been spooked or has moved on. Stripers and larger blues are opportunists and they frequently follow schools of surface feeding blues, picking up confused baitfish or pieces of fish that have been overlooked by the blues and birds. These fish are well below the surface and there are usually no signs of their presence. Try casting deep-running swimming plugs or lead-head jigs, and you may be rewarded with a big blue or cow bass. The execution of this fishing technique requires patience and determination, especially when you see diving birds and jumping fish out of the corner of your eye.

Bunker dunking is a third choice and has become very popular of late. Once again the trick is to get away from the crowds and find a school of bunker splashing and slapping. Snag a few with a large , weighted treble hook. Either fish the whole live bunker or cut it into chunks. The boat should drift slowly with the bunker school and the baits should be fished near the bottom. The big blues are usually under those bunker schools but seldom reveal their presence. Occasionally, several bunker will splash at the surface simultaneously and do so a little less leisurely than usual. If

the tempo of this activity is different from that which surrounds it, it's a sure bet the bluefish are actively feeding.

But my favorite method seems the least likely to succeed. I abandon the boat and the daylight hours and head for the beach.

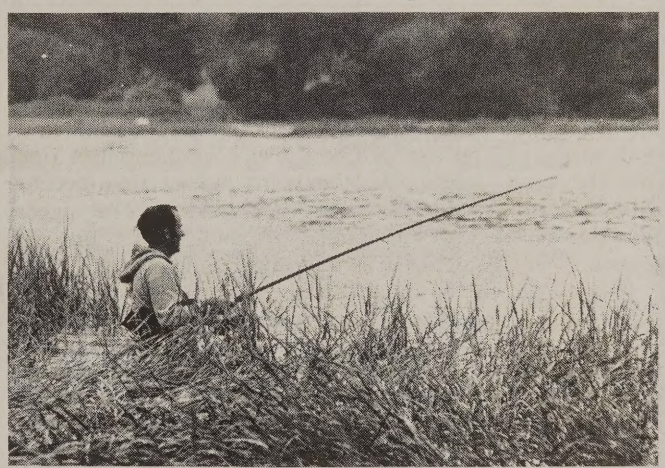
In the fall there is no lack of baitfish, or at least there shouldn't be, but with commercial practices — well, who knows? I walk quietly along the beach near some of my favorite striper spots on Long Island Sound: the best places are near harbor entrances where the water is always moving.

When I hear a splash, see a line of baitfish, or notice any kind of surface commotion I stop and begin casting surface swimming Rebels, using a slow retrieve. If I begin picking up small stripers then I stay put, waiting for larger fish. In September and October those bigger fish are very likely to show up sooner or later during the night.

Bluefish feed differently at night. The wolfpack tactics of the day are not the rule during the dark hours. In stead, the choppers will cruise silently, slowly, and deep. They glide along the beach, feeding on anything that moves. They will travel in small groups or alone, always searching, and the bait-rich rips around the harbor mouths offer ideal hunting conditions for them; they'll move into the rips without fanfare. Flounders, blackfish, eels, spearing, killies, and small stripers are fair game.

John Hagen strings 10 lb. blue along with schoolies.

The author casts for silent running blues in Oyster Bay.



Stripers feed quietly at the edge of the marsh.

When the small stripers shift their feeding closer to the beach it's a sure sign that the blues have arrived. The stripers show no frantic escape patterns, they simply feed in but a few inches of water.

A blue spots your floating swimmer and comes right up behind it. He's big, maybe ten, twelve, fifteen pounds or more. A five inch Rebel isn't exactly a banquet for a slammer blue, but he's mean! He socks it hard and slams his teeth down into the plastic. You strike him and he feels the steel.

He runs off into deep water in a panic with the typical, intermittent surges peeling off fifty to one hundred feet of line. The fish that hit virtually at your feet now twisting, rolling, and running frantically amongst the rocks. Will the knot hold? Is the snap swivel so carefully selected for its obscure smallness strong enough? Will the strained line rub across a rock?

While you battle him your companion gets a hit. You'll fight two slammers in rocky waters, shoulder to shoulder, and both of you pray that the lines don't cross.

Finally the blue gives ground. You've worked him through the rocks and he's at your feet. A flick of the wrist and you've got him.

You try desperately to disengage all those damn treble hooks from the snapping jaws. At last, you're successful. The line is frayed and will have to be retied; no wire leaders in this crystal clear water.

You fumble to make the double clinch knot, but you're excited and the cold wind numbs you wet fingers. A new plug is needed too! The wire hooks are bent and there is no time to

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City Island-Pelham Bay-Orchard Beach

Part IV: TWIN & HUNTER'S ISLANDS

by George Siatos

The last part of this four part series is the area just north of Orchard Beach. If you'll look at your chart you'll see two islands, Hunter's Island and Twin Island. These two areas aren't as heavily fished as other areas due to the fact that one must do a little walking. Don't think that because I am mentioning this area last that the fishing is not good — nothing could be further from the truth. I purposely started with areas closest to the Pelham Bay station and gradually worked further out distance-wise.

Twin Island is surrounded by many rocks that wreak havoc upon terminal rigs. These same rocks attract big blacks in both spring and fall. Striped bass also work themselves right into the wash, feeding on the many tidbits that become dislodged from the bottom and rock crevices. The biggest flounder I ever saw was landed off these rocks, but this section is not recognized as a prime flounder spot.

Porgies, during the summer and early fall, are a good bet. Cast toward the Sound and use bloodworms with #6, short-shanked Eagle Claw hooks. The porgies this year have been running up to about a pound. By next year they should be much larger, more like those of ten years ago.

In the early morning and at evening time fish close into the wash for bass and blacks. Later on in the day you can extend your casting range. Longer casts are normally required for the porgies. One evening I caught a three pound striped bass on a bit of worm fishing eight inches from shore. What was I doing so close to shore? I was passing time catching small killies! I have since learned a lesson: casting lures parallel to the shoreline only a few feet out will get you fish. A float and sandworm should also induce stripers to hit.

There are picnic tables, water and charcoal pits on Twin Island so you can take the family along in the spring and fall, when it isn't crowded, although during the summer the island is mobbed.

On the side opposite the Sound is a cove or bay. This little bay attracts flounders, plenty of eels, stripers, snappers and blues. Across this body of water is a small bridge which connects with Hunter's Island. You'll always find someone fishing off the bridge, because from there you can catch flounders in season, eels and snappers. There is no water behind the bridge at low tide and the water in the entire cove is quite shallow at ebb. I've seen some blues up to five pounds caught off the bridge, but there are problems with getting the fish up.

Hunter's Island produces good catches of blackfish and porgies, casting out toward the Sound. The lagoon side produces flounders, and there are plenty of eels in the grass all around the island. In June, harbor blues sometimes feed in the grass directly across from Hog's Island (see map).

The Fort Slocum area produces bass in the thirty to forty pound class, and the tip of Hunter's Island is not far away from there. As a matter of fact trollers working the Fort Slocum area always make a pass or two on both sides of Hog Island. My favorite bass lures here are floating Rebels, Creek Chub poppers, bucktails, Alous and Kastmasters. The tip of

Small bridge connecting Twin Island with Hunter's Island.

the island is a good producer of bass from the first week in June onward, with the month of June and the early part of July being prime time. This is when I really get my kicks since fish are readily smashing surface lures.

Very early mornings and evenings are the times to fish. Waders are a must here. Best tides are two hours before high tide until almost low tide, and bring plenty of insect repellent. Fish the tip of Hunter's Island right across Hog Island, and cast toward Hog Island and into the cove to your left. The fish strike so ferociously that I've hooked them on top of the head, in the gill plate and under the gills. Keep hooks sharp for this reason. There are many boulders in this area so don't fish deep diving lures and keep the fish's head up at all times.

At times the cove that lies between the lagoon and Hog Island is good. Fish the west side of the cove, off the big rock. I've caught some nice bass with Alous here, probably because of the many eels attracted to the grass.

On the outgoing tide you can i-n-c-h your way towards Hog Island, and when the water is almost low you can get on the island and continue to get bass by casting into the deep channel on the other side. Yellow bucktails produce well here. Don't forget to get back to shore on the incoming tide or you'll be marooned on the island for another twelve hours. One fisherman I know uses an inner tube to travel back and forth; he never worries about the tide.

Big blues also frequent the area since the blues pass through here before entering the lagoon to feed. Fall fishing with lures is at times excellent for striped bass.

This concludes the four part series but before I close, I

Michael Soto with some porgies from Twin Island. Two days earlier, his father landed over fifty.

Caught in the act! Raping the environment across from the dump.

would like to mention a few things. First, do not dig bait in any area. Overharvesting of clams, worms, etcetera, has taken its toll, and it is going to take a while before the scars of indiscrimate depredation vanish. There is still some wildlife in the area including racoons, pheasants and rabbits. Appreciate their presence and don't abuse them. Do throw back small fish — especially short stripers. Do not litter. Some areas are filthy from inconsiderate despoilers. Don't you contribute.

It's impossible to discuss in such a short series all the facets of fishing: I've been fishing this area for twenty years. Ask questions, observe, experiment and read. By fishing one area consistently you will learn to recognize fish patterns. For example, I can catch striped bass all year round from this area just by following the fish from spot to spot and by understanding the fish's preferences. Read Jerry Kenny (News) and Bill Wisner (Post). Their columns include the areas just mentioned. TIGHT LINES

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SILENT RUNNING

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fix them now.

When you wade out into the leisurely moving current you notice that the stripers have resumed feeding a hundred or so feet off the beach. The blues are gone, at least for the moment.

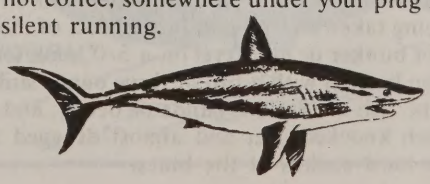
You pick up a few shorts, release them and relax. Your buddy inches closer and whispers. Although the wind muffles the words you know what he's said because it's on your mind too.

"Where did they go?"

While you're talking the bass have slipped behind you again unnoticed. You're not concentrating and you miss the strike when the blue explodes in front of you.

"Damn, you call yourself a fisherman — wake up!"

Such is the nature of fishing the beach in autumn. Anything can happen and usually does. If you're alert and can recognize the signs that tip off the presence of cautious feeding big fish, you can produce consistently. While you are standing waist deep in frigid waters and thinking of a warm bed and hot coffee, somewhere under your plug is a slammer blue in silent running.



Fresh Water Bluefish

by Don Millus

Who ever heard of a fresh water license being needed to catch the salt water bluefish? Well, this fall hundreds of salt-water anglers in Connecticut are lining up to buy fresh water permits for the first time. The reason is that the blues have been showing up in the Housatonic River near Stratford, well above the official State of Connecticut demarcation line for river fishing without a license.

Sure, the water is tidal and not fresh, but it's almost a mile above the Connecticut Turnpike near Stratford, and there's still a ways to go to the Sound from there. But the bunkers, or what's left of them after the mid-summer depredations of the purse seiners, have been following them.

The blues have been up there before, but it seems that this year more anglers than ever are coming after them from shore and from boats. The game wardens have been busy, too, first giving warnings to those without licenses and then giving summonses. Word must have gotten around because most of the anglers have dutifully pinned their Connecticut licenses to their caps by now. And with very few grumbles, that is as long as the fish are biting.

One of the most popular spots for fishing from shore has been the "gravel pits," aptly named after a commercial quarrying operation along the shore. It's on the eastern bank of the Housatonic, at the end of School House Road (an exit off the Connecticut Turnpike). Across the railroad tracks the road is only dirt and stone, but so far no one has complained about anglers parking in that area; it's only a few hundred feet to the river bank.

It's a fairly pretty place to fish. The river bank has no buildings on it, and a few scrub pines and two huge oaks provide a pleasant contrast to the marshy islands out in the river. Ten feet down an incline there's still dry sand to fish from; no waders are necessary. There are even a few places where a blue can be beached, but a gaff or stout line to lift the fish a foot or so onto the bank might be needed in some spots. There isn't too much litter or junk yet, either.

The last few years the blues were biting in the Sound well into late October and beyond, so perhaps the river season will last that long this year. For the time being the fish are being taken around the clock, with early morning and evening and the higher parts of the tide the best times and situations.

Fish are being taken on bait and lures. Most of the anglers cast a hunk of bunker or mackerel on a 5/0 hook (or larger) and let it sit on bottom with a two or three ounce sinker. The majority of the fish are seven pounds or better, and a lot of rods have been knocked over and almost dragged into the water by the hard strikes of the blues.

While they wait for the fish to hit the bait, the fishermen watch the water for signs of blues driving the bunkers. Occasionally the bait fish are pushed into the mouth of the gravel pits themselves, which have a mouth about seventy-five yards wide and open up to a bay off the river of about twenty or thirty acres. That's when the action really turns on. Almost any action with any plug will get a hit and fights have started when lines have crossed. On Labor Day morning anglers were reported to be practically shoulder to shoulder for a while; a little self-control and consideration go a long way at a time like that.

A view from the upper part of the bank with some of the industry of the lower Housatonic in the background.

The boats in the Housatonic are having a ball, too, although the background of factories, bridges, and power lines is a little unusual for bluefishing. As the blues move back and forth the boatmen can up-anchor and follow them, and at times they have more fish than they can handle.

While I was there one day I saw a young boy take a nasty fall from the bank, but with proper supervision it wouldn't be a bad place to take a youngster bluefishing, especially on a weekday. Most of the Connecticut tackle shops carry bunker or mackerel well into the fall, and anglers with their own boats can usually snag a few with weighted treble hooks.

While Connecticut's anglers are waiting for the annual bluefish blitz from the shores of the Sound to begin, many of them are taking advantage of the "freshwater" bluefish of the Housatonic. Now where did I put my license after the shad stopped running?

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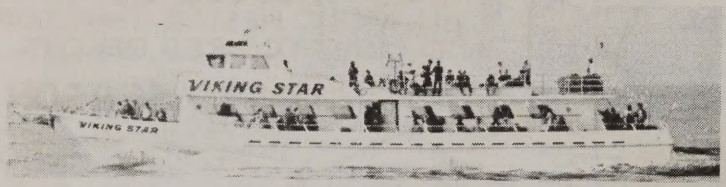

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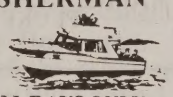
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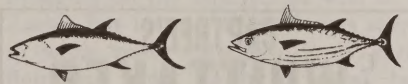

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South Shore Report

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Capt. George Glas of the Hel-Cat Fleet told me about last week's report. The Helen II had a **diving** party aboard, and not a dining party as reported. This typographical error changed the whole meaning of the end of the report. But in the meantime, the Race is still the place for big bluefish. As a bonus anglers are getting 2 or 3 big striped bass every day. They are mixed in with the bluefish. Capt. Brad Glas had a charter by the Club 15 of Jamaica, N.Y. These anglers fished Block Island for codfish and did very well.

The Marlin III, sailing from Salivar's Dock, has been fishing for porgies right off Montauk. Capt. Rade says the porgies are running 2-3 lbs. and they are plentiful. John had a fare, John Murcluson of Ornage Highlands, N.Y., on Friday and he had 107 porgies and then on Sunday had 130. They are also picking up sea bass along with 5-6 lb. blackfish and these blacks usually take the pool. Over the weekend it seemed that newer and bigger fish moved in. Fifty fish per man seems to be the average.

The Viking Star continues to fish Cox's Ledge with much success. This is proven by the pool fish which are mostly in the high fifties. During the week the fishing was up and down, however, before the weekend arrived it picked up solid and steady fishing was enjoyed.

Bud Dorman of the Viking Skipper called to report the excellent fishing for porgies continues. On Friday the average catch was 73 sea bass and porgies per person. Saturday and Sunday was also very productive. The fishing for the most part is taking place right under the Lighthouse.

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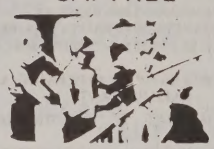
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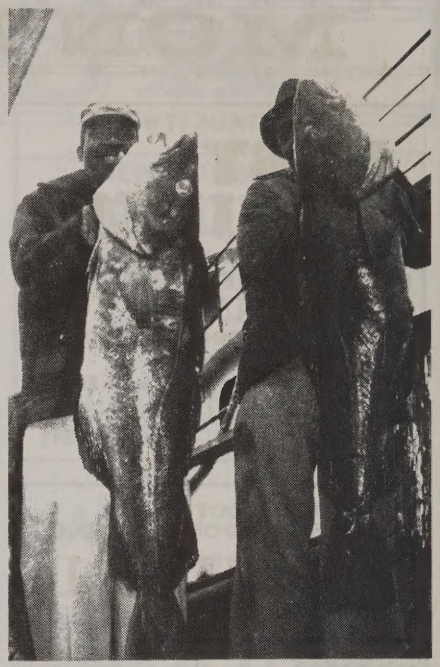


Louis Dunham of the Bronx, left, hefts the 56 lb. cod that won him $423. on the Peconic Queen II Sept. 22. Friend, A. Little, right, holds 54 lb. runnerup.

are all over the bay. Sunday saw the first real good showing of daytime bass at Cartwright and the south side of Gardiner's on both plugs and trolled lures. The blues went 2 to 10 lbs. while the bass were 2 to 5 lbs. Some sea bass and blowfish are mixed with the porgies. Some flounders are starting to show up.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports the fishing is good. The weakfish are still there and the porgies are numerous and of good size. The flounders are now starting.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows reports that on Saturday the fishing was somewhat slow, however, on Sunday the fishing came back with a rush. Porgies and weakfish were very good with plenty of 4-6 lb. weakfish being caught. Capt. Bellows says it looks very good for this fishing for a while. On October 13, the Capt. Clark II will be sailing from Sag Harbor for the big flounders.

HAMPTON BAYS

Fran Muller at Frank's Fishing Station said that the flounder fishing is very good at the Coast Guard Station. The fishermen are using both blood and sandworms for bait and they are enjoying excellent catches. Fluke seem to have stopped being caught. Bluefish catches are good outside.

MORICHES BAY

Skidmore's Fishing Station reported the flounder are starting to pick up and catches of twenty per boat are common. Some blackfish are being caught along with weakfish for the knowing angler. Hank Schlinger got 37 weaks on Friday using both lures and a white bucktail. Blues are outside and they are running between 10-14 lbs. Although very few are going out for fluke, quite a few were caught in the old cut by one of the marina boats.

MASTIC BEACH

Flounders by the score, says Ronnie Keenan of Keenan's Fishing Station. A few kingfish and weakfish are being caught and boats are coming in with upwards of seventy fish per boat. The action is taking place from Buoy 20 to 23 with the best action around Buoy 20 or 21. Worms and clams are the bait. Crabs are still plentiful.

WEST SAYVILLE

South Bay Fishing Station reports the variety of fish is still good but the quantity has slowed. The blackfish are great at the artificial reef at Kismet. Weakfish and kingfish make up the bulk of the catch. Flounders are just starting. "Just good steady fishing," said Dennis Masterson.

CAPTREE

George, the mate aboard the Capt. Rod, reports pretty good fluke fishing. There are still some fluke around and anglers are still picking them up at the lighthouse and by the Robert Moses Bridge. George said that they will continue to go for fluke as long as the catches remain good.

Capt. Richard Westerling of the Capt. Richie fished only the weekend and he reported good catches of fluke throughout the inlet area from the lighthouse to the mouth of the inlet, including the Robert Moses Bridge. Sea bass and blowfish were also caught. Capt. Richie estimates that in about another week or so the fluke fishing will fade and he will switch over to bottom fishing in the bay.

LINDENHURST

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports good flounder fishing, and these fish are popping up all over. Blackfishing is on the upswing and there are three spots that are good. The best bet is the artificial reef at Kismet. The other two are the Coast Guard Station and the Sore Thumb. Striped bass action is available at Democrat Point and the

Bill Gatz, left, of St. Paul, Minn. holds a 5½ lb. weak he caught while the guest of Bill Northridge, right. Total catch included 7 weakfish and one bluefish all on squid off Conklin's Point in Southold.

Sore Thumb on live eels.

BABYLON

The Babylon Fishing Station reports everyone did well with fluke and weakfishing. There are a lot of snappers all over. Weakfish ranged from 2 to 10 lbs. and they were being caught on squid and Salty Dog lures. The lighthouse is one of the better spots. Fluke were in Snake Hill Channel and at the Coast Guard Station. Chumming really brings out the snappers, said Walter.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Tackle Shop reports the striped bass fishing seems to be in the forefront. Clam chumming from the State Channel to the Wantagh Bridges brought in some bass to 20 lbs. Plugging on the beaches as well as at Zach's Bay using the big Atoms seems to work best. Although it is early, flounders seem to be a good bet. Blackfishing is the best it's been in years at the Wantagh Bridges. Crabbing is still holding up on the edges of the channels.

SEAFORD

Dell's Fishing Station called to say the blackfish and flounders are starting in with a "bang." Over the weekend Vinny Geraci and friend, Don, of Carle Place, N.Y. fished the 2nd bridge. They went for blackfish only using fiddler crabs and they wound up with 18 of them, the largest going 5½ lbs. Al Messina of Seaford had 28 flounders, all keepers. Al fished the Amity cut. Carmine himself had three schoolie bass and fifty snappers, all taken on bloodworms at the 3rd bridge.

Pop's Fishing Station reports anglers seem to be getting a good variety of fish. Blowfish, kings, flounders, weaks and porgies are all taken. A few fluke are still around, too.

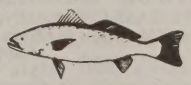
WANTAGH

Causeway Tackle reports the striped bass at the Meadowbrook Bridge are being caught by bunker dunkers. Bass of 19, 21 and 39 pounds were caught by Tom Enollino on two successive nights. Flounders are picking up while the fluke are on their way out. Blues are being caught in the inlet. Frank said there were plenty of bunker in the bay. Blackfish are available at the bridges.

MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports lots of flounder, although some are still small. Blackfish are at the 3rd Meadowbrook Bridge and this fishing is very good. On Sunday some bluefish were picked up right off Whaleneck Point. The body of bluefish is not large. Blowfish and kings are mixed in with the flounders.

George Martin of Corona, left, holds the 48 lb. cod that won the pool September 17th aboard the Viking Star. Right is John Schumacher, of Syosset, with a 52 lb. cod.



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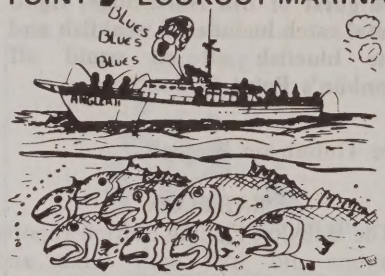

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Capt. Jim Zook of the Capt. Jim V said he has been chumming bass with moderate results under the Meadowbrook Bridge. A few weakfish are still hanging around. There are blackfish by the inshore wrecks, 3-4 lbs. average size. One day during the week, Capt. Zook had over 50 blackfish for a party of four.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Capt. Jack's Star Stream reported that he has been fishing the Cholera Banks with hot and cold results. Fares are averaging 8-15 fish per man with a few blues up to 16 lbs. Richie said the bluefishing should hold up for another month or so.

Capt. Paul Schmidt of the Aloma said he didn't sail on Saturday for a lack of people. Sunday the Aloma fished 6 miles south of the Cholera Banks and they had 60-65 blues between 10-15 lbs. As a bonus quite a few albacore were hooked and landed. Paul said he thinks one of his fares may have had a tuna on, but the hook separated from the wire leader. The Aloma II, meanwhile, has been doing an excellent job on sea bass, porgies and blackfish on the wrecks off Jones Beach. The Capt. Al has also been doing a good job on the bluefish at Cholera.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Jordan Hall of the Dock One reported a slow pick of blues over the weekend due to high winds from the east. Capt. Hall chummed the Cholera Banks with only fair results.

The Angler II fished south of the Cholera Banks on Saturday and Sunday with fair to good results. Thursday and Friday saw good catches with a lot of big fish and a few albacore and bonito mixed in. Capt. White said he expects the bluefishing to hold up for at least a few more weeks because the water is still warm and no spiny dogfish are being taken yet.

Capt. Andy Pollio of the Junior II called to report catching a 242 lb. mako in 150 feet of water southeast of Jones Inlet. In that same area anglers picked up plenty of bluefish.

ISLAND PARK

Capt. Clem Esposito of the Commodore reports plenty of flounders in the

bay already. The hi-hook is usually 25-30 fish, with an average of about 18 flatties per man. The fish are averaging ½-¾ lbs. with an occasional one pounder mixed in. Reports of bass being trolled off Lido and Long Beach and chumming at the Atlantic Beach Bridge is producing up to 25 schoolies. Plenty of porgies and sea bass are being taken in all the deep holes. There are also quite a few eels mixed in with the flounders, providing a good mixed bag of fish in the bays. The hot spots are Duck Point and the old oyster beds right off the school at the main channel. Worms and clams are producing best.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Henning's Fishing Station reports the clam chummers at the Atlantic Beach Bridge are doing fine. The most diligent fishermen are naturally doing better. The bass that are being taken are all schoolies. The Woodmere Channel is producing flounders as well as eels.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Rod & Gun Shop reports the lafayettes are being caught on worms at the bridges. At the North Channel Bridge there are still snappers and crabs of good size available. South Channel Bridge is producing plenty of porgies. Fluking around the Marine Parkway Bridge seems to be holding up. Striped bass are being taken at night in the bay and there is also a lot of action in the surf with bass and blues. The best lures seem to be the Gibbs and the Atom poppers. Blackfish are in good at the Rockaway jetties.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Northeast winds since early Saturday morning seemed to scatter the bluefish somewhat, resulting in a slow pick of fish over the weekend. Capt. Dom Palermo of the Lady Lou II reported only moderate catches of blues, about 6 or 7 fish per man. Friday night fishing was excellent, however, with the average 16-17 fish per man. Dom has been chumming at the 17 Fathoms grounds. He has been picking up quite a few albacore out of the slick with live spearing.

Capt. Charles Locurto of the Tone B reported poor fishing due to the wind. Anglers are taking home a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and fluke. The artificial reef off Rockaway seems to be producing consistently.

Capt. Victor of the Tampa IV also reported picky bluefishing over the weekend but went on to report on his latest tilefishing trip Thursday. The

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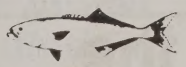

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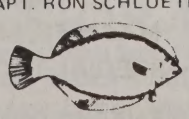

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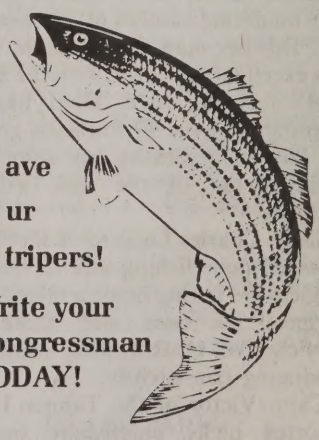
Stella Maris Fishing Station reports excellent blackfishing at the Tin Can Grounds and Marine Parkway Bridge. Green and fiddler crabs are the ticket. There is also a good supply of porgies mixed in with the blacks at the Tin Can Grounds. The first fall flounders are coming out of Jamaica Bay but are still somewhat small.

Capt. Fred Ardolino of the Amberjack IV had a tilefishing trip as well as a wreck trip this past weekend. The tilefishing was fair to good with no spectacular catches being made. The wreck trip for cod was excellent. Plenty of cod of good size were taken.

SANDY HOOK

Julian's Bait reports the tuna fishing is going well at the B.M. Buoy. The Shrewsbury Rocks has plenty of jumbo blues. Along the Sandy Hook shore the porgies are plentiful. At the point of Sandy Hook lafayettes are taking worms, weakfish are taking squid and striped bass are taking clams. Bass trollers are also doing fine. Snapper blues are still running in that same area.



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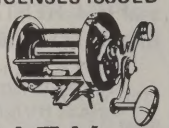

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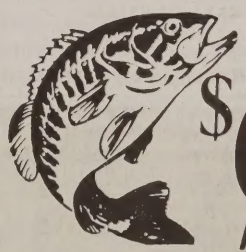

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North Shore Report

ORIENT POINT

The Port of Egypt reports they were out of boats over the weekend. Blackfish are at the lighthouse and some ran up to 8 lbs. Bluefishing in Plum Gut is very good. Flounders are just starting in Petty's Bight on the Sound. Porgies were also caught at Petty's Bight and between the point and the lighthouse.

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop reports better than great bluefishing. The Plum Gut, Race, Pigeons Rip and offshore Gardiner's Island are producing catches of bluefish for everyone. The open boat Brand X had well over 500 good sized blues aboard. Art said that trolling long surgical tubes along the north shore on the Sound is producing plenty of striped bass. Blackfish have come in pretty strong and the boat Wilhelric is going after them and coming in with some very nice catches. The Lighthouse, north side of Plum Island, as well as various rocky places along the north shore are the best spots.

SOUTHOLD

Peter Lieblein reports that porgies are still thick in the bay at Buoy 12 and 16 and also at the Greenport ferry crossing. Weakfish were very few and they seem to be on the way out.

Mary Morris of the Southold Fishing Station said the fishing is very good on most species. Porgies are still in good. Weakfish are showing a decline but there are some good mixed catches being made. Blackfishing in the Brickyard is starting with some good catches reported. Buoy 16 had some weaks while at Paradise Point there were porgies and weakfish. Flounders are starting to show up in Southold Bay.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports good fishing, with weakfish holding the spotlight. Rose Grove area between the white house and the tower, right out in the deep water on the mud bottom, is the place. Sandworms and squid are the best bet for bait. Phil Loria said that there were all the porgies you want right outside the station and off Nassau Point.

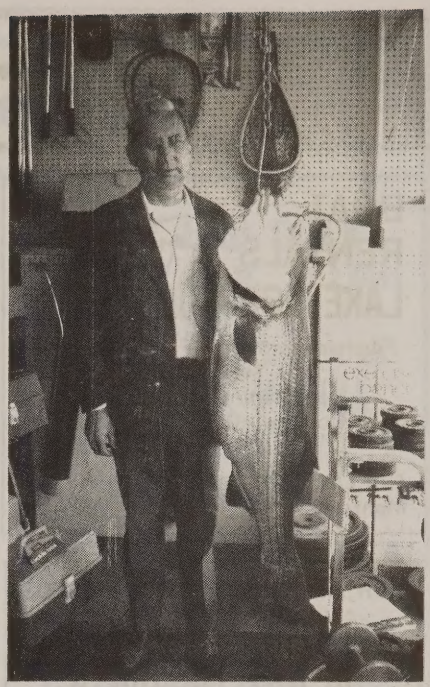
MOUNT SINAI HARBOR

Ralph's Fishing Station said that the blackfish catches were quite plentiful and it seems to be shaping up for a good run of them. Porgies are still in and they are being caught in good quantities. They are nice and fat. Snappers seem to be fading out.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W told us about the real good fishing over the weekend. They had loads of porgies along with quite a few blackfish. The porgies are now big and fat. John said they seemed to have all double headers on the porgies. There were plenty of blackfish and although they are running 3 to 4 lbs. only, it seems to be building to a very good run of them.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports the blackfish are coming in strong, with several good catches coming from Old Field Point and the Cranes Neck area. John Caraftis said that most of the rocky areas along the shore were holding blackfish and that fishing with crabs, particularly fiddlers, would bring in nice catches. Don't forget that the harbor jetties are also good for blacks. There are still plenty of porgies available. John said the blues were stuffed with flounder as the blues were on the bottom. The bunker were also down, so if you want blues, try bait fishing down deep. One troller using black tubes trolled 30 bluefish inside the harbor opposite the LILCO plant. Further out east, by Wading River, the pluggers were getting blues.



Pete Budarf of Fullerton, California, took this 46 lb. 8 oz. bass off Callahan's Beach while he was the guest of Neil Akeson of E. Northport. The cow was taken on a large surgical tube and was 48½ inches long and had a 27 inch girth. Photo courtesy of Larkfield Sports Center.

Capt. Bill Littlefield of the Jib III called to tell us of the fabulous porgy and blackfishing. On Saturday, Bill had the Astoria Rod & Gun Club aboard and they loaded up on porgies and had 30 to 40 blacks up to 5 lbs. Some sea bass were also picked up. On Sunday, the Roslyn Fire Department was aboard and the blackfish broke wide open. The catch included about 100 blackfish and so many porgies that the anglers did not count them.

NORTHPORT

Ted Bowman's Tackle Shop reports that the bluefish are now right off the dock. If you can't fish bunker, a porgy will do. The past week the bluefish were on the west side so that only the boat fishermen could get them. Flounder are starting to show up very well. The porgies are still here as well as the snappers.

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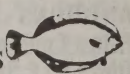

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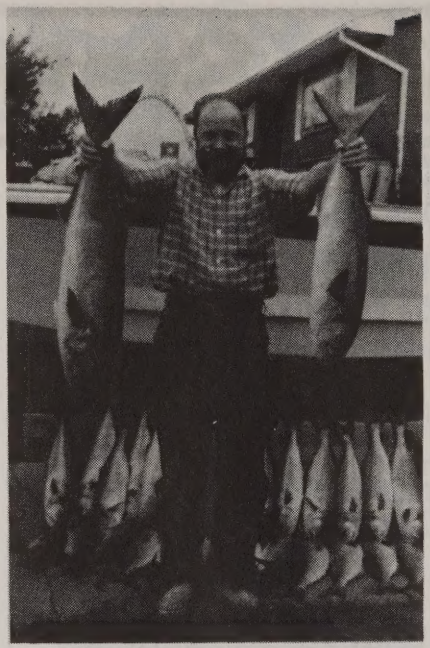
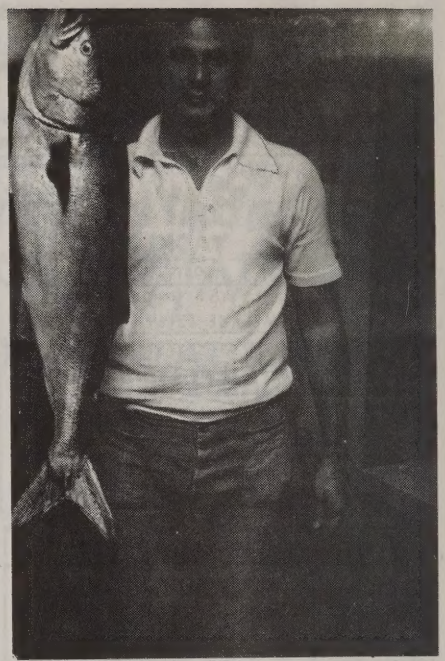


George McKenna holds up two of the 40 fish he and his brother, Jimmy, took on Sept. 9th in Smithtown Bay. The fish at left went 18 lbs. The fish were all trolled with wire line and red surgical tubes.

Ever-Ready Fleet reports the fishing is fantastic. He had one of the best weekends, with over 200 fish coming aboard including an approximately 12 lb. blackfish which broke off a 30 lb. test line before he could be brought aboard. Porgies and blackfish are making up the major portion of the catch while the flounders are becoming increasingly more plentiful. Don's largest blackfish so far has been 9½ lbs. Mr. William Barkley of the Bronx, N.Y. lost the 12 lb. black, however, he had 91 other fish to help sooth his sorrow. Women's lib showed itself in the person of Helen Conway of the Bronx, who had 90 fish. Another angler who was also happy was a steady half-day fare, Joey Dirks of Massapequa, who fishes every Saturday. Joey had 34 fish, which was tops for the young fifth grader.

George Valentine of the Four Winds Tackle Shop says to break out those big tubes and eel lures as the big striped bass are out there. It was tough to hold him on the phone as he was anxious to go fishing but here is the scoop. Big red tubes—giant size—trolled on wire line before and after high tide at Target Rock and along Marshall Field does the trick. Warren Sprogue caught a striped bass of 39 lbs. there with that set up. Chumming at Eaton's Neck on a falling tide produced 26 bass for over 400 lbs. total weight. Also, casting a red Alou



BEGINNERS LUCK? Steve Salzman took this 17 lb. 2 oz. bluefish on 12 lb. test line in Huntington Bay on his first fishing trip.

Eel came up with a 24 lb. bass. Tom Cilmi caught this bass along with a 14 lb. bonito on a chrome popper. George said that the worm trollers are also picking up plenty of fish off Callahan's Beach.

GLEN COVE

John at Glen Cove Sports Shop reported that Ben Simkins got a 22 lb. bass on 9/25 at night off Carpenter Point on a naked Sr. Atom. Blues have been in solid all week off local beaches and they are also being taken from boats. Bunker chunks are doing the job. Trollers are using big spoons or single tubes. This fishing is more fun with spinning outfits and bunker chunks though. Snappers are steady at Morgans Pond and Prybil Sluiceway. There are also some keeper size fluke in Morgans Pond, an unusual set of affairs. Dr. Stan Gibbs (no relation) had five blues up to 9 lbs. off Crescent Beach on bunker chunks.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veteran's Fishing Station reports the bluefish are still inside the harbor and are going strong. Porgies are still in but the weakfish are no longer in the Oyster Bay Channel. Striped bass fishing along the east shore of the harbor is still holding its own.

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CONNECTICUT SCENE

DICK ALLEY

Bluefish, stripers and all bottom species are hitting well along the eastern Connecticut shore, and in Westchester, it's likewise, with blues already blitzing the harbors and estuaries, and butterfish also making a comeback.

STRATFORD

Fishing still hasn't peaked between Stratford and Darien, but the fishing scene is looking up here, too. At Housatonic Marina, Mrs. Fordham told of one customer fishing the waters off Pleasure Beach, coming in with 26 choppers. Walter Lison scored with another good bass, this one scaling 19 lbs. 9 ozs., and several other nice stripers have been taken from the sand bars in the river, and at the Gun Club. Blacks have yet to break loose in this area, but porgies are holding in fine.

NEW HAVEN

Bluefishing here is strictly a bait and bottom proposition, reports Walt Janeczek of Outdoor Sports. Bunker, mackerel and butterfish compete for the most popular baits at spots like West Haevn's Savin Rock, Milford, Walnut Beach, Long Wharf and Fort Hale. Flats and butterfish are hitting shrimp at Stony Creek. Blackfish are hitting at Charles Island breakwater and Bronze Beach in Branford. Trollers are doing best on bass at Morningside, Lighthouse breakwater and Branford again, with a sandworm-spinner combo. Up the line, Walt tells us that Cornfield Point in Saybrook is paying off for pluggers for bass.

MYSTIC

At Schaefer's Boat Livery, Harry describes the fishing as very good. The good flounder fishermen are picking up a bucketful, but porgies are still hitting best. Blues and bass are plentiful, with most of the choppers coming from the Race, and the bass fishing right in the bay area. Neither the tide nor the time of day matters for Race bluefish anglers. Jigging is the top method currently.

WATERFORD

Walt Hillyer of Hillyer's Bait & Tackle tells us that bass are hitting beaches regularly, feeding on small herring. Blues, too, are beginning to move inshore to feed on small bait. Snappers are still hitting, and porgies are fantastic. Oddly enough, fluke, too, are still hitting well in this area. Blacks

and flounder have yet to really begin their fall run, but even after they leave, those big mackerel return in the dense schools of early spring.

OLD SAYBROOK

Connecticut River Striped Bass Club members are scoring well at the beginning of the fall run, and things can only get better. Russ Fleet writes that more and bigger fish are being picked up everywhere. In Rhode Island, Charlestown and Weekapaug breachways both hosted bass and bluefish attacks, with one unconfirmed report of a 51 lb. bass at Charlestown. Don Morris was one of the fishermen who were successful there. In Connecticut waters, blues and bass both are in in force between Saybrook and Madison. Russ and his cousin, Dick Fleet, racked up a catch of choppers scaling from 10 to 13 lbs. in Saybrook. Rimas Taruski took several up to 16 lbs. in the same area. Many good bass were taken off Westbrook and Hammonassett, ranging from 20 to 40 lbs., most on live bunker.

BRIDGEPORT

Stowie at the Sportsman's Den had some reports of fish on top in Bridgeport waters. At mid-week they were up from Breezy Point to Charles Island, all hitting poppers, but most of the fishing was in the evening hours. An 18 lb. bluefish was weighed in at the Sportsman's Den by Ellis Rucker of Fairfield, Conn. This fish also won the one-day contest sponsored by Keating Ford. Stow tells us the blues have been hitting bait chunks well off Pleasure Beach, and school bass are starting to hit plugs at the Gun Club. Trollers are also scoring, bouncing feathered jigs off the bottom around Buoy #20.

There's still blues in front of Cedar Creek Marine. Alex Bish has also had some good reports on the beginning fall run of blackfish, with several to 8 and 9 lbs. coming from the area of Sunken Island. Bass are slow in the immediate area, but expected to show any day.

WESTPORT

Some big bass were weighed in at the Westport Tackle Shop over last weekend. Ed Boland tells of Bob Giunta, who scored with a 42 lb. lunker on the 3 oz. Alou Eel. Bill Danaher was fishing the Schlait's Point area and picked up 13 bass, the largest of which scaled 32 lbs. His were all taken on plugs, too. Ed has been doing well trolling the Breezy Point area of Bridgeport with the Tri-Fin eels, and reports steady bluefishing there for anglers dragging wire right on the bottom. Snappers are still in the river, along with porgies. Flats have yet to begin.

NORWALK

Gloria at the Tackle Box is getting good bass reports from Sheffield to Fish Island. Joe Weiden scored again with a couple of bass in the 30's which they kept in addition to 3 bass in the 18 to 25 lb. range which were tagged and released. Blues are still hitting bait chunks inside the Hammocks, and snappers are thick around the power plant. Lou Ermo took the blues of 11 lbs. in the Hammocks. Blackfish are on the increase, and a few flounder are being taken. There have been a couple of confirmed fluke reports off Calf Pasture Pier.

At Four Winds, Bob Utz reports fantastic porgy fishing, great blackfishing, and some blues in early morning in the mouth of the Saugatuck River, which just goes to show that I don't get all the news. Bob was all alone and took 9 choppers before they quit. Blacks are at Buoy #24 and at Middle Passage.

Bruce Mola at Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle also reported good fishing. Uncle Vin had taken 51 choppers at 24C and 11B the day before. They're still hitting the triple rig, but many anglers are switching to the tubes for a chance at fall bass. Paul Dauk was one of those to hook a 20 lb. bass while bluefishing. Still some spotty topwater action behind the islands at night. Bass are thick inside the Norwalk Islands, with nighttime fishing mandatory.

ROWAYTON

Roy DeMague took his 8 year old son, Bobby, out for his first shot at popping for blues, and they scored well with four in the 8 and 9 pound class in an evening. The fish showed between Greens Ledge Light and Sheffield Island. Roy hit a 37 lb. bass at Smith's Reef on a whole dead bunker.

STAMFORD

ONE BIG BLUEFISH was taken by Al Morrelli, and weighed in at Pat's Marina. The chopper, hitting a Chunky popper, scaled 21¾ lbs., had a girth measuring 21 inches, and was caught at Robbins Point. Tim Hart and J. Rodriguez tallied 11 bass to 26 lbs., while Ed Mayka and Tom Hendricks from New Jersey collected 17 blacks to 6 lbs. and 79 porgies for a big mixed bag. The bass were taken around the Stamford Cows.

GREENWICH

Russ Van Wynen at the Sportsman's Den found the blues up near the RR Bridge in the Mianus River, and hooked a couple on bucktails. He was then joined by a couple of teenagers who boated a few of the 8 and 9 pounders. Russ tells us bass men are also doing well on schoolies up inside Greenwich Cove. Blacks are getting better daily, and two confirmed reports of 6 lb. weakfish came from Goose Island at the mouth of the Mianus.

RYE

Dan Catalano at Point Tackle reports very good fishing for blues and bass. Blues to 12 lbs. were breaking at the mouth of the river, with several being caught. A couple of big weaks were picked up in Rue waters, too. Dick Dempsey picked up one while trolling wire for blues, and the Claire picked up a dozen while jigging blues and drifting. Blacks are hitting at Larchmont breakwater.

MAMARONECK

Fred was really jumping at Mamaroneck Fishing Station. Blues had moved into the harbor the day before, and pandemonium had broken loose. Porgies are thick, and blackfish are starting. The blues are hitting on top, with all types of poppers paying off.

NEW ROCHELLE

Freddy at Cameron's Fishing Station was just as excited. Those East River bluefish have apparently re-entered Long Island Sound proper, and ended right up inside Hudson Park. Frank who runs the Echo Bay concession never moved his boat from its mooring, and found the blues. Last word, he was purchasing more plugs.

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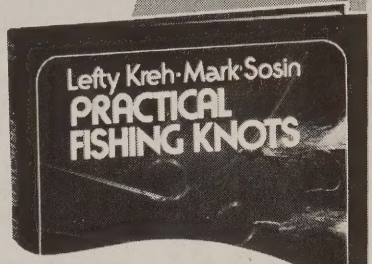

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NEW JERSEY

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"The fishing is good," says Julian of Julian's Sport Shop. Tuna fishermen are chumming up tuna varying 30 to 500 pounds at the B.A. Buoy. Blue fishermen are still having a ball with choppers at the Shrewsbury Rocks. Most action is seen with chum but trollers are picking up a few fish. Bottom fishing is good for porgies, spot and fluke. Stripers are hitting along the surf and catches to 18 lbs. were weighed in at Julian's.

Trollers are hitting into bass off the Golf Ball on tubes and spoons. Bait fishermen are taking a few on drifted sandworms. Action inside the Hook is good for weakfish, spots, snappers and crabs.

SEABRIGHT

"There are lots of bass out there," according to Armand at Giglio's, "but we need some cooler water to get the real fast jetty action." The Gibbs Polaris and Pencil Poppers, Creek Chub popper and Red Fins are taking fish up to 19 lbs. Snappers and spots are all over and everyone is catching plenty of them. A few fluke are still reported.

LONG BRANCH

Monmouth Bait & Tackle reported striper activity along the jetties has slowed, but stripers up to 15 lbs. were caught. Butch Toth had the 15 pounder and others from 6 lbs. up on poppers. Joyce Tommaino caught three bass on Red Fins. A few blues have been showing in the suds, but this is real spotty fishing.

Steven's Tackle reported good fishing all week for school bass, some blues and weakfish. The one ounce Creek Chub and the Red Fin swimmers are the lures

HUDSON RIVER

PETE BARRETT

WAPPINGERS FALLS

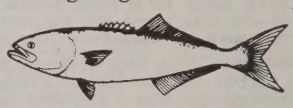
Wappingers Lake is still a good bet if lunker largemouth bass are what you're after, says Al of B & M Bait Shop. Large shiners will get you the big ones. The deep channel at the northeast end of the lake where Wappingers Creek enters is a very good spot to score on smallmouth. Al says carp are still pleasing his patrons and bullheads are abundant.

'VERPLANCK

According to Charlie White at Ace & Charlie's Tackle snapper blues are quite abundant. Small spoons and live killies are accounting for the majority of them. Some fishermen are also making out well with the blue claw crab. It's a day to day situation, with the tides playing a very important part.

LOWER HUDSON

Lafayettes, perch and crabs are the main attraction, reports Ed Graser at Outdoorsman Ltd. Some white perch are also being caught and stripers are beginning to show in numbers, although they are still school size. Best action for spots, perch and eels is at the Interstate Park and the Thomas Henry dock. Snappers are literally all over and the crabbing is good.



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TIDE TABLES

SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	1:38	2:04
Fri.	2:35	3:01
Sat.	3:36	4:02
Sun.	4:38	5:02
Mon.	5:34	5:53
Tues.	6:22	6:41
Wed.	7:03	7:24
Thurs.	7:42	8:05

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	−1	25
East Quogue	−2	45
Shinnecock Canal	−1	18
Indian Reservation	−3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	−3	28
Harts Cove	−1	30
Potunk Point	−3	35
Mastic Beach	−3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	−0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	−3	39
Heckscher State Park	−3	20
Bay Shore	−2	23
Babylon	−2	12
Amityville	−2	21
JONES INLET	−0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	−0	25
Zachs Bay	−1	25
Seaford Harbor	−2	05
Freeport Creek	−0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	−0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	−0	38
JFK Airport	−0	26
STATEN ISLAND	−0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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EASTERN LONG ISLAND

NEW LONDON STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:54	4:07
Fri.	4:53	5:04
Sat.	5:48	5:59
Sun.	6:35	6:48
Mon.	7:17	7:31
Tues.	7:53	8:11
Wed.	8:32	8:53
Thurs.	9:09	9:34

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	−0	27
Connecticut River	−1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	−0	12
Greenport	−1	04
Southold	−1	43
New Suffolk	−2	26
South Jamesport	−2	32
Shinnecock Canal	−2	33
Noyack Bay	−2	05
Sag Harbor	−0	59
Gardiners Bay	−0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	11:30	**5:45**	11:55	**6:10**
Fri.		**6:30**	12:25	**6:55**
Sat.	12:40	**7:10**	1:10	**7:35**
Sun.	1:20	**7:55**	1:50	**8:15**
Mon.	2:05	**8:35**	2:30	**8:55**
Tues.	2:45	**9:15**	3:10	**9:35**
Wed.	3:25	**9:55**	3:50	**10:20**
Thurs.	4:05	**10:40**	4:35	**11:05**

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	4:59	5:19
Fri.	6:16	6:30
Sat.	7:51	8:00
Sun.	8:46	8:58
Mon.	9:25	9:37
Tues.	10:00	10:13
Wed.	10:28	10:48
Thurs.	11:01	11:27

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	5:30	5:51
Fri.	6:32	6:52
Sat.	7:29	7:49
Sun.	8:19	8:40
Mon.	9:07	9:27
Tues.	9:49	10:12
Wed.	10:31	10:53
Thurs.	11:11	11:34

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	−0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	−0	08
Bayville Bridge	−0	13
Eatons Neck Point	−0	03
Northport Bay	−0	03
Norwalk Islands	−0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	−0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	−0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0	08
Herod Point	−0	07
Mattituck Inlet	−0	19
Horton Point	−0	20
Truman Beach	−0	42

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